

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Leendert Sonneveld, et al.	§	Art Group: 3676
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	§	Examiner: Blake E. Michener
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Serial No.: 10/578,990	§	Confirmation No: 5125
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For: Apparatus and Method for Handling	§	
Pipe		

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

January 4, 2010

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Election Requirement Action mailed December 17, 2009, for which the shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire January 17, 2010. Consideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: